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SUBJECT: DEFENSE ISSUE FRAGMENTS ICELANDIC PROGRESSIVES

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SHARP DIFFERENCES OVER DEFENSE POLICY THREATEN TO SPLIT THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY--THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE THREE-PARTY COALITION.

THE PROGRESSIVES' NEWLY AWAKENED RIGHTEOUSNESS IS CAUSING GRIEF FOR MODERATE LEADERS PREOCCUPIED WITH HOLDING THE PARTY TOGETHER.

IN A PARTY CAUCUS LAST WEEK, MODERATE AND LEFTWING ELEMENTS SOUGHT TO PREVENT PARTY MEMBERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PRO-BASE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN. RIGHTEOUS OBJECTED, AND HAVE SINCE PUBLISHED AN APPEAL WARNING AGAINST ANY BASIC CHANGES IN ICELAND'S

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## DEFENSE POLICY.

THE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN, STARTED TWO WEEKS AGO, ALREADY HAS SOME 20,000 NAMES FROM THE REYKJAVIK AREA AND ANOTHER 10,000 FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE. SOME RIGHTWING PROGRESSIVES REPORTEDLY HAVE SIGNED THE PETITION, WHICH PURPORTEDLY IS SPONSORED BY A PROFESSOR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND. THE PROGRESSIVE LEADERS PROBABLY FELT PRESSURED BY THE PETITION DRIVE AND DRAFTED A COUNTER PROPOSAL LAST WEEK FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US OVER THE FATE OF THE NATO BASE AT KEFLAVIK. AFTER SEVERAL POSTPONEMENTS ON ICELAND'S INITIATIVE, NEGOTIATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME LATER THIS MONTH.

THE SIGNATURE DRIVE AND THE COUNTER PROPOSAL ARE POSITIVE INDICATIONS THAT REYKJAVIK INTENDS TO GET ON WITH NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL RESULT IN A MODIFIED BASE AGREEMENT. BUT RIGHTWING EFFORTS TO INVOLVE THE PARTY IN THE DRIVE HAS WIDENED INTRAPARTY DIFFERENCES AND TENDS TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE MODERATE LEADERS TO CONCENTRATE ON REACHING A COMPROMISE BASE ON DEFENSE QUESTION WITH COALITION PARTNERS. A RECENT NEWSPAPER STORY CONCERNING US PLANS TO BEGIN TELECASTING FROM THE BASE IN COLOR LATER THIS YEAR, HAS ADDED TO

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GOVERNMENT HOES. ICELANDIC COMMUNISTS AND OTHER ANTI-BASE ELEMENTS HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF WHAT THEY TERM "VIOLATIONS" OF ICELANDIC COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS.

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